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SUBJECT: TIKA STEEL PLANT REBORN?

REF: 77 STATE 105504

1. DEPARTMENT WAS CONTACTED 6/12 BY PULLMAN SWINDELL, PITTSBURGH, WHICH EMBASSY WILL RECALL WAS TO BE SUPPLIER OF DIRECT REDUCTION PLANT AND OVERALL CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR THE ABORTED TIKA STEEL MILL PROJECT. SWINDELL HAS BEEN INVITED BY THE GRZ MINES MINISTRY TO ATTEND A MEETING IN ZAMBIA JULY 10-13 IN WHAT APPARENTLY IS AN ATTEMPT TO RESURRECT THE PROJECT. ACCORDING TO SWINDELL, GERMAN, BELGIAN AND YUGOSLAV FINANCING HAS NOW BEEN OBTAINED, BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE WITH RESPECT TO THE FINANCING OF U.S. PORTION. FIRM WAS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT INVOLVEMENT, EVEN THOUGH IT CLAIMED TO HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT WAREHOUSED IN THE U.S. WHICH HAD BEEN EARMARKED FOR TIKA.

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2. SWINDELL SAID THE GRZ HAD MENTIONED, INTER ALIA, POSSIBILITY OF RELOCATING PLANT FROM ITS ORIGINAL, NOW RATHER INSECURE LOCATION NEAR SOLWEZI, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MAIN ARGUMENT FOR ITS LOCATION THERE HAS BEEN PROXIMITY TO ORE SUPPLY, AND THAT SUCH A MOVE WOULD

NECESSITATE GREATLY INCREASED PLANT-ASSOCIATED TRANSPORTA-
TION COSTS.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY
MAY OBTAIN ON CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT.

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